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Crackdown on late-night activities

- Members of Jamiat-Ulama-E-Hind submit memorandum to City Police Commissioner
- ACPs, Inspectors on night rounds to enforce 10.30 pm deadline for commercial outlets

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth receiving the memorandum from Jamiat-Ulama-E-Hind delegation.

Mysuru, June 7 (GA&BCT)- All shops, hotels, bars, restaurants, and tea outlets must mandatorily close at 10.30 pm, and the City Police will ensure compliance by conducting a special night drive from June 7 (today).

The rules were relaxed until now due to the election season, as all officers and staff were busy with election-related duties. "From today, the 10:30 pm deadline will be strictly enforced and there will be no leniency. The rule applies to all commercial establishments, except those functioning at night," City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

This comes in the wake of a memorandum submitted to the Police Commissioner by NGOs, social organisations and public representatives under the banner of Jamiat-Ulama-E-Hind, on behalf of the public.

(See CRACKDOWN on page 6)

Defamation case

Rahul Gandhi granted bail

Rahul Gandhi seen with advocate this morning at the court premises in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru, June 7 (Agencies)- Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was granted bail by the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Bengaluru this morning in connection with a defamation case filed by a BJP leader.

Special magistrate K.N. Shivakumar granted bail to Gandhi after he appeared in person.

The Court has scheduled the next hearing for June 30. The bail was secured with former MP D.K. Suresh providing surety worth Rs. 75 lakh as security on Gandhi's behalf.

(See RAHUL on page 6)

Residents, hoteliers feel the pinch as veggie prices soar

Mysuru, June 7 (RK&BS)- After a hiatus of a few months, the prices of vegetables, green leaves and grains have gone up, burning a hole in the pockets of the common man.

The prices of essential items in city markets, notably Devaraja Market, Vani Vilasa Market, and the vegetable market on Mahatma Gandhi Road, have left bulk buyers such as hoteliers, roadside fast food vendors, and catering services in a quandary, forcing them to tread cautiously.

The price per kilogram of Carrots ranges from Rs. 60 to Rs. 80, Beans from Rs. 150 to Rs. 200, Turnip Cabbage (*Gedde Kosu*) from Rs. 100 to Rs. 120, Tomatoes from Rs. 50 to Rs. 60, Potatoes from Rs. 30 to Rs. 40, Ridge Gourd from Rs. 80 to Rs. 100 and Beetroot from Rs. 60 to Rs. 70.

(See VEGGIE PRICES on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 7th June 2024

Music Director Hamsalekha to release books on June 9

Mysuru, June 7- Noted Film Music Director Dr. Hamsalekha will release writer Yediyur Samiulla's two works — *Nenapina Malebillu* and *Nenapina Chittaaragalu*, at a programme organised by Sahitya Loka at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road at 11.30 am on June 9.

Dr.Hamsalekha

Noted columnist and Orator Dr. Gubbigoodu Ramesh will speak about the books. Sahitya Loka President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will preside over the function.

Prior to the start of the programme, popular singer Rajesh Padiyar (popularly known as Junior C. Ashwath), accompanied by singers Rashmi and Indrani, will present a Bhavageethe musical event at 10 am, according to a press release. For details contact Mob: 88925-80150.

MGP monthly meeting on Sunday

Mysuru, June 7- Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has organised its monthly meeting on Sunday (June 9) at 4 pm at MGP Office, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri. City MLAs T.S. Srivatsa, K. Harishgowda and Tanveer Sait will share their ideas and plans of action to fix the civic issues, stated a press release from MGP.

"Of late, we see garbage littered everywhere, footpaths encroached upon by vendors, encroachment of parks, supply of unclean water and vehicles breaking traffic rules. While we public are responsible for these ills, the elected representatives as well as public servants have a responsibility to address them," it said. [Call Ph: 0821-2515150]

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As the political scientist Christophe Jaffrelot, who has studied Modi from when he was the Chief Minister of the Gujarat State, said in a recent interview: "People like Modi have no successor, and it's very difficult to succeed a man like Modi, especially when you don't have any dynasty at the end." Perhaps the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, or RSS, the umbrella Hindu right-wing organisation behind the BJP, will try to find Modi's replacement in India's most-populous State of Uttar Pradesh, which is critical to forming a government in New Delhi. Yogi Adityanath, the State's saffron-robe-wearing Chief Minister, has acquired a reputation as a strongman. He appeals to the hardliners as someone who can take forward Modi's agenda of religious polarisation at a national level.

However, before staking claim to the highest political office, Modi had also built up his image as an effective economic administrator in the 12-plus years he ran Gujarat, an industrialised State on India's western coast. Adityanath will find it hard to replicate Modi's "Gujarat Model" in Uttar Pradesh, which is more populous than Brazil and poorer than sub-Saharan Africa.

Besides, this time around, the liberal and the left-wing parties opposed to the RSS and its Hindu-first agenda will be extra vigilant about allowing any fresh myth-making around a political personality. NDA partners will do the rest if they manage to curb the role of Home Minister Amit Shah, who has been Modi's No. 2 for years. Shah's control over federal investigative agencies — and the way he used them against political opponents — has made him India's most-feared man. Alliance partners, now that they can name their price for supporting the BJP, will want to operate without having to constantly worry about the risk of jail or constant surveillance.

Anchors and editors politely nodded when Modi, during the recent election campaign, spoke of a 1,000-year vision and claimed that he had been sent by God. So who after Modi? Maybe nobody like him. Or at least that's the preference of voters. *—Andy Mukherjee in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

This waterfall is artificially enhanced

Beijing: Yuntai Waterfall is generally regarded as Asia's most impressive waterfall and is often described as a natural wonder. However, it turns out that its spectacular water show is artificially enhanced.

Yuntai Waterfall is the most popular scenic spot in the Yuntai Mountains, drawing millions of tourists annually. The tallest waterfall in Asia (a sheer drop of 314 meters) offers stunning vistas and a breathtaking spectacle that was recently revealed to be the result of modern technology. A Chinese vlogger managed to make their way to the top of Yuntai Waterfall where they spotted large metal pipes feeding water into the waterfall for an enhanced video effect. At first, the viral video of the discovery was criticised as fake, but sources from the Yuntai Mountain Scenic Area acknowledged that the waterfall is slightly enhanced to ensure a pleasant experience for tourists, regardless of natural factors.

Football match ends after 26 hours and 825 goals

Moscow: A football field at the Luzhniki Olympic Sports Complex on the outskirts of Moscow recently hosted the world's longest football game, which lasted a total of 26 hours.

To celebrate All-Russian Football Day last Saturday, two teams of 7 players each gathered at the Luzhniki Olympic Sports Complex to break the record for the longest football match ever. The game started at noon on Saturday and ended after 26 hours, at 2 in the afternoon on Sunday.

The previous record had been set in 2014 when two teams played the beautiful game for 24 hours straight. This time around, the Red Team defeated the White Team with a score of 416 goals to 409.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: PCOS can be cured

Reality: Polycystic ovarian syndrome can be controlled by diet and exercise and medications.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Kannada essay contest

Mysuru, June 7- As part of Yashodhara Dasappa's 120th birth anniversary, the city's Negilayogi Women's Welfare Association has organised a Kannada essay contest on the life, politics and social work of Yashodhara Dasappa. The contest will be held under three categories based on age group — Below 18 years, Between 19 and 30 years and Above 31 years.

The essays should be in the range of 300-500 words in Kannada. There will be prizes for the top three essays. Also, every participant will be issued participation certificates on June 13.

The essays should be submitted either in person or sent by post to the Association Office at Negilayogi Maruleshwara Seva Bhavan, Opposite New Law Courts Complex, Jayanagar, Mysuru, before June 9.

The essays can also be e-mailed to *negilayogimysore@gmail.com*.

For more details, contact Mob: 94483-92488 or 91132-01893 or 99006-29393, according to a press release

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VOICE OF THE READER

Post Office Senior Citizen Savings Scheme: Caution to depositors

Sir,

I wish to bring to the attention of senior citizens, who have opened the popular deposit scheme of Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) at Post Offices about the 'unseen hand' deducting TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) despite giving Form 15H. SCSS has become more attractive because of the recent enhancement of its upper limit from Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh per person and its renewable feature any number of times.

I write this with my own experience of facing a wrong deduction of tax (TDS) despite submitting Form 15H in due time. I had to struggle for nearly six months to get a refund, only recently.

I wish to advise senior citizens to get an acknowledgement of having submitted Form 15H from the counter person and preserve it for use when needed.

Also, I advise them to get their SCSS passbook updated regularly once in 3 months and see if any wrong deduction of tax has taken place. If they notice any such deduction, they must immediately approach the accounts section of the Office of Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysuru Region, near Akashvani Circle, Yadavagiri.

1. At present, there is no system of giving an acknowledgement separately or as a tearable part of Form 15H. The depositor will submit Form 15H and in good faith leave the counter that it will be diligently entered into the computer by the counter person. However, a lapse may take place unintentionally, leading to a lot of hardships in due course of time.

2. Savings Bank (SB) passbook does not have any column showing TDS. So merely updating the SB passbook, which is what is normally done, does not directly reflect any deduction.

3. Once the amount is deducted wrongly, a refund at the Regional Office is tedious and long drawn because it needs an internal enquiry and fixing of the person responsible for the lapse.

4. In such cases, depositors are advised by the accounts office to claim the refund from the Income Tax Department by duly filing the ITR after the end of the financial year (31st March).

I have noticed that many senior depositors have never filed ITRs in their lifespans because their annual income is below the taxable limit. For such depositors, it will be an additional expense to seek the help of a CA or others to get a refund after filing the ITR.

I appeal to the authorities at the helm of the Postal Department to look into the issue and take appropriate measures to advise and alleviate the hardship faced by innocent depositors, especially at the rural and small-town levels.

— **B.S. Shankara**

Mysuru 5.6.2024

Temple Mahadwara inauguration and *Kumbabhisheka* on June 8, 9

Mysuru, June 7- As part of the inauguration of temple Mahadwara and *Kumbabhisheka* at Mahaganapathi temple at B.M. Shri Nagar, Metagalli in city, rituals will be held in the temple premises from 6.30 am tomorrow (June 8) with the performance of *Gangapuja, Gopuja, Mahaganapathi Homa, Navagraha Homa* etc. Later, *Mahamangalarathi* will take place at 12.30 pm followed by distribution of *Prasada.*

On June 9, rituals will commence at 6.30 am with the performance of *Ganapathi Puja, Kalasha Sthapane, Kumbabhisheka, Abhisheka, Alankara* etc. *Mahamangalarathi* will be performed at 12.30 pm followed by distribution of *Prasada.*

Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr. Veerendra Heggade has donated Rs. 2 lakh and former Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra had provided Rs. 5 lakh to the temple under his MLA Local Area Development Fund.

MLA K. Harishgowda, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, former Corporators S.B.M. Manju, Ramesh, K.V. Sridhar and Prema Shankaregowda and engineer Rajesh will the chief guests on the occasion.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-831,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by K.T. Shrimathi, teacher and writer, at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on June 8 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. [Mob: 92435-81097]

Ph.D awardee

G. Shrilakshmi has been awarded Ph.D in Botany by the University of Mysore for her thesis titled 'In Vitro Propagation and Bioactive Potentialities of Callicarpa Tomentosa L. — A Endemic Medicinal Plant' [Guide: Dr. Shobha Jagannath].

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP WEST INDIES & USA 2024

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Providence Stadium, Guyana — **5.00 am**

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Grand Prairie Stadium, Dallas — **6 am**

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Nassau County International Stadium, New York — **8 pm**

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YESTERDAY'S RESULT (JUNE 6)

Papua New Guinea - 77 (19.1 overs)
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Uganda - 78/7 (18.2 overs)

Australia - 164/5 (20 overs)
BEAT
Oman - 125/9 (20 overs)

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LOST TO
USA - 159/3 (18/1)
[USA won the Super Over by 5 runs]

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Valmiki Corporation Scam

Minister B. Nagendra quits Cabinet, submits resignation to CM

Bengaluru, June 7 (KMS&BS)- After much dilly-dallying, ST Welfare, Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister B. Nagendra yesterday submitted his resignation to the Cabinet of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, over the allegation of embezzlement of funds to the tune of Rs. 187.33 crore in Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

Nagendra's resignation from the Ministry comes in the wake of a First Information Report (FIR) filed by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in relation to the case.

The very development deals a severe jolt to the Congress-led State Government, that completed one year in power in May this year, but had to suffer a setback in the recent Lok Sabha elections, with its underwhelming performance, by winning just nine out of 28 Lok Sabha seats in the State.

Nagendra, who announced his decision to step down at a hurriedly convened media briefing at his Office in Vidhana Soudha, later met CM Siddaramaiah at his official residence Cauvery at 7 pm, where he handed over his letter of resignation. As is the procedure, his resignation letter has been forwarded to Raj Bhavan by the CM recommending the Governor to accept the resignation, it is said.

Minister B. Nagendra handing over his resignation letter to CM Siddaramaiah yesterday as Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar and Housing, Wakf and Minority Welfare Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan look on.

Nagendra, while announcing his resignation, also chose to clarify that, he was tendering his resignation as per his conscience, without coming under any pressure. Moreover, the Opposition parties are creating a sense of fear among the people of the State, by raking up the issue, he added.

Following a complaint by Union Bank of India (UBI), CBI had filed a FIR in the scam, framing charges against many including the top Bank officials.

With the possibilities of CBI taking the Minister concerned into their custody for questioning, growing strong, CM Siddaramaiah had discussed the matter with Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, at his official residence on Wednesday night.

They arrived at a conclusion to seek the resignation of Nagendra, after seeking a primary information and explanation from Special Investigation Team (SIT) personnel, that is already probing the scam.

Nagendra was summoned to the CM's residence, where the CM and Dy.CM asked him to quit the Ministry with CBI probing the case, but with a promise to re-induct him into the Cabinet, if he came out clean in the case.

Even though, Nagendra, feigned ignorance to prove his innocence, denying having played any role in the scam, the CM advised him to voluntarily quit, for holding the responsibility of the Ministry (under which ST Welfare Development Corporation functions), with CBI filing a FIR in the case.

Woman dies of snake bite

Hunsur, June 7 (KS)- A woman, who was working in an agricultural field, died of snake bite at Unduvadi village in the taluk yesterday afternoon.

Susheelamma

The deceased woman is Susheelamma (52). She was bitten by a venomous snake while working in the agri field and died on the spot.

Bilikere Police, who reached the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to Hunsur General Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

Couple killed as car hits bike

Mandya, June 7 (KS)- The family members of a couple, who were killed in a road accident between Keregodu village and Marilinganadoddi in the taluk, gave their consent to donate the organs, thus displaying their humanitarian concern even in grief.

The deceased are C. Manju (46) and his wife H.S. Suneela (40), residents of Chikkabanasawadi near Keregodu village. While Suneela was killed on the spot in the accident that took place on Wednesday, Manju, who had sustained serious injuries and admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru, succumbed to injuries yesterday.

On Wednesday, the couple were proceeding to a temple at Keregodu village on their bike when a car rammed into their bike from behind near Marilinganadoddi, killing Suneela on the spot and seriously injuring Manju.

Family donates organs

Manju

Suneela

Manju was rushed to Mandya District Hospital, where he was provided first-aid and was later shifted to a private hospital in Bengaluru, where he breathed his last yesterday afternoon.

The doctors, who announced the death of Manju to the family members, counselled them about the importance of organ donation following which the family members gave their consent to donate the organs of Manju.

A case has been registered at Keregodu Police Station.

Bribery case

Woman Sub-Inspector kept under suspension

Mysuru, June 7 (RK&BS)- A woman Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) who was recently caught red handed while accepting bribe by Lokayukta Police has been kept under suspension.

Radha

Radha, PSI of Kuvempunagar Police Station was trapped by Lokayukta sleuths at her chamber in the Police Station on May 30, when she was accepting a bribe of Rs. 50,000 from a realtor to release the properties belonging to him.

Following her trap, the anti-ombudsman personnel had arrested her, besides producing her before a Magistrate at the latter's house and had been remanded to judicial custody. As she is behind bars for a period exceeding more than 48 hours, following her arrest, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh has issued the suspension order.

Meanwhile, Radha's advocate has moved a bail application at a Court here, but the Lokayukta Police have sought sometime to file objection, it is said.

Mysuru District Lokayukta SP V.J. Sajeeth had also written a letter to the Central Office of Lokayukta in Bengaluru, recommending for her suspension from the service. Accordingly, the Lokayukta top brass had issued directions to City Police Commissioner in this regard.

Radha, who is behind bars since her arrest on May 30 will have to move High Court, if the Mysuru Court rejects her bail plea.

Youth arrested for attempting to stab Traffic Police Constable

Mysuru, June 7 (RK&KS)- Devaraja Police have arrested a youth on charges of attempting to stab a Traffic Police Constable on duty in city on Wednesday.

The accused has been identified as Shekar, a resident of Kuri Mandi in Narasimharaja (NR) Police limits.

At about 7 pm on Wednesday, Traffic Constable Siddaraju and others were conducting checking of vehicles near KR Circle, when he noticed two youths fighting inside the park, opposite to City Bus Stand. Constable Siddaraju, who went inside the park, questioned the two youths during which one of them fled from the spot. But accused Shekar, who took out a knife, tried to slash the neck of Siddaraju, who stepped back to avoid getting injured. The knife brushed on Siddaraju's shirt tearing it. Accused Shekar tried to flee from the spot, but was caught with the help of the public and handed over to Devaraja Police, who have registered a case, Devaraja Traffic Inspector Mamatha told *SOM*.

Legislative Council polls from Teachers and Graduates Constituencies

NDA candidates win all three seats in Mysuru Revenue Division

Mysuru Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash issuing the certificate to winning candidates K. Vivekananda and S.L. Bhojegowda in city yesterday as MLA G.T. Devegowda, former MLA S.R. Mahesh, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, former MLA L. Nagendra and others look on.

Mysuru, June 7 (MTY&DM)- Just two days after it received a setback in Lok Sabha polls, the ruling Congress in State suffered another jolt in Biennial Legislative Council polls from Teachers and Graduates Constituencies, with the BJP-JD(S) coalition NDA candidates winning all three seats coming under Mysuru Revenue Division by a comfortable margin.

The election to 6 Legislative Council seats (3 Teachers and 3 Graduates) — South Teachers, South-West Teachers, South-West Graduates, North-East Teachers, Bengaluru Graduates and South-East Teachers, was held on June 3 and the counting of votes was taken up yesterday.

While counting for South Teachers, South-West Teachers and South-West Graduates was held in Mysuru at Maharani's Science College for Women, that of North-East Graduates was held at Kalaburagi; Bengaluru Graduates and South-East Teachers Constituencies at Bengaluru.

In South Teachers Constituency, which comprises Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar, **NDA candidate K. Vivekananda** won

Vivekananda Bhojegowda

the seat by defeating his nearest rival Marithibbegowda of Congress by a huge margin of 4,622 votes in the count of first preferential votes itself. Marithibbegowda, who was the MLC for four successive terms spanning 24 years, bit the dust as first time contestant Vivekananda, a JD(S) leader of Mandya, romped home by a margin of 4,622 votes. While Vivekananda bagged 10,823 votes, Marithibbegowda of Congress could manage to secure only 6,291 votes. As Vivekananda got more than half of the valid votes in counting of first preferential votes, he was declared the winner by a margin of 4,622 votes.

A total of 18,989 out of 21,549 voters from the four districts had exercised their franchise.

Vivekananda who managed to secure lead in the first round itself, only consolidated his lead as the counting progressed and his victory was sealed after the final round of counting, with Mysuru Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash, who is also Returning Officer, officially declaring him the winner.

Big blow

It is a big blow to Congress in the home turf of CM Siddaramaiah, as it could not win the seat despite fielding Marithibbegowda, an old war horse. Just a couple of days ago, the Congress lost Mysuru-Kodagu LS polls.

There were 9 other candidates in fray — Nagendrababu Maddur who managed just 26 votes, former MLA Vatal Nagaraj of Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha (84), Dr. Anil Kumar (23), Kadamba Naa Ambarish (one vote) , Nagamallesh (256), Ningaraju S. Shankanapura (8), K.C. Puttasiddashetty, a former MLC (19) from the same Constituency, Dr. H.R. Mahesh (492) and Raju K. Siddaianapura (4).

While Kadamba Ambarish managed to secure a single vote, which probably might have been that of himself, Raju Siddaianapura could get only 4 votes. Interestingly, barring, Dr. Mahesh and Nagamallesh, none of other independent candidates, including Vatal Nagaraj, could reach three-figure mark.

1,049 invalid votes

The South Teachers Constituency saw as many as 1,049 invalid votes (out of 18,989 votes polled), which is an astonishing figure considering the fact that only teachers are the voters.

South-West Teachers Constituency: NDA candidate S.L. Bhojegowda of JD(S), won the seat by defeating his nearest rival Dr. K.K. Manjunath Kumar (Master) of Congress by a big margin of 5,267 votes. While Bhojegowda secured 9,829 votes, Manjunath could manage only 4,562. Bhojegowda was declared winner after counting of first preferential votes itself as he secured more than 50 percent of valid votes polled. There were 6 other candidates (all independents) in fray — Dr. Arun Hosakoppa, Dr. Nareshchand Hegde, Nanjesh Bennur, T. Bhaskara Shetty, K.K. Manjuanth Kumar and Dr. S.R. Harish Acharya — all of them faired poorly and lost their deposit.

South-West Graduates Constituency

In the South-West Graduates Constituency, **NDA candidate Dr. Dhananjaya Sarji of BJP,** won the seat defeating his nearest rival Ayanur Manjunath of Congress by a huge margin of 24,111 votes. While Dr. Sarji secured 37,627 votes, Ayanur Manjunath could muster only 13,516 votes. K. Raghupathi Bhat, a three-time former Udupi BJP MLA, who had contested the polls as a BJP rebel, came third, securing 7,039 votes. There were 10 candidates in fray including Dr. Sarji and Ayanur Manjunath. Both South-West Teachers and Graduates Constituencies, encompass the districts of Kodagu, Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi and parts of Davangere district.

Dr. Dhananjaya

As far as three other Constituencies are concerned, Congress candidate Ramoji Gowda was ahead of his nearest rival, NDA candidate A. Devegowda of BJP in Bengaluru Graduates Constituency, while Chandrashekar Patil of Congress had taken a lead of over 4,400 votes against his nearest NDA rival Amarnath Patil of BJP after the counting of first preferential votes ended and Congress candidate D.T. Srinivas had taken a lead against his nearest NDA rival Y.A. Narayanaswamy of BJP in South-East Teachers Constituency. However, results of all three seats were yet to be officially declared as counting of votes was still on.

BJP bays for CM's scalp, petitions Guv

Bengaluru, June 7 (KMS&BS)- BJP State Unit has submitted a memorandum to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to seek the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the allegation of embezzlement of funds in Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Welfare Development Corporation Ltd.

In the memorandum submitted by a delegation of BJP leaders including State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra and Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka, who went to Raj Bhavan in a rally from Vidhana Soudha on Thursday, they have contended that, the parking of funds to the tune of Rs. 187.33 crore in bogus accounts was not possible without coming to the notice of the CM who also holds Finance portfolio. Hence, both Siddaramaiah and Minister B. Nagendra had to resign, they had urged.

Speaking to media persons after meeting the Governor, Vijayendra said "The funds meant for welfare of Scheduled Tribes (ST) has been transferred to the bogus accounts opened at a Co-operative Bank in Hyderabad. It is highly impossible to transfer such a huge amount without bringing to the notice of CM. The motive behind the transfer of funds was to use the same for Lok Sabha poll expenses, and a part of which has been used accordingly, he alleged.

It seems, the CM had also given his consent to use the funds for polls and hence he was dithering to seek the resignation of Minister Nagendra and also to hand over the case to CBI. The SIT has been constituted only to hush up the case, the memorandum stated.

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Traffic violations on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

8,335 cases on June 1, 2; Penalties of Rs. 44,06,500

Violation	Cases in 2 days	Fine amount to be collected	Cases closed	Fine amount collected
Lane violation	789	3,87,500	14	7,000
Triple riding	5	5,000	0	0
Not wearing helmet	124	62,000	0	0
Using mobile phone while driving	58	1,72,500	0	0
Not wearing seatbelt	7,159	34,99,000	161	80,500
Overspeeding	179	1,77,000	4	4,000
Wrong way	1	500	0	0
No entry	23	11,500	0	0
Total	8,335	43,15,000	179	91,500

Mysuru, June 7 (BLU&BCT)- A concerning rise in traffic violations on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway has been highlighted in a recent report released by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Traffic and Road Safety, Alok Kumar. On June 1 and June 2 alone, a total of 8,335 traffic violations were recorded and there are 8,156 pending cases.

These violations are expected to generate a penalty revenue of Rs. 44,06,500 with Rs. 91,500 already collected and cases have been closed. ADGP Alok Kumar expressed his dismay over the high number of infractions, noting that the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway is typically used by a law-abiding segment of the population.

"It's very dismaying to notice a high number of violations on this Highway every day. Please follow traffic rules, you are under constant watch," Alok Kumar stated in a post on X.

The report also reveals that the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) ban on the entry of two-wheelers on the main carriageways of the highway has not been effective. Despite the ban, two-wheelers and three-wheelers continue to be seen on the main carriageway, a measure originally enforced to reduce road accidents on the highway.

The persistent traffic violations and the ineffectiveness of the ban highlight the need for stricter enforcement and increased public awareness to ensure road safety on this major route.

According to the data, 7,159 of these violations were of people not wearing their seatbelts. The penalties here total Rs. 35,79,500. Only 161 of these cases have been closed, resulting in Rs. 80,000 in collected fines. Lane violations also top the list with a staggering 789 cases reported. The fine amount from these violations stands at Rs. 3,94,500. However, 14 cases have been closed and Rs. 7,000 has been collected.

Triple riding violations have five reported cases — with a penalty of Rs. 5,000 — showing complete non-compliance with the two-wheeler ban. Similarly, the neglect of wearing helmets is widespread, with 124 cases reported, resulting in penalties of Rs. 62,000.

The issue of holding or using mobile phones while driving presents another area of concern. 58 cases have been booked, and Rs. 1,72,000 has to be collected. Speeding is another prevalent violation, with 179 cases and fines amounting to Rs. 1,81,000. Here, Rs. 4,000 has been collected.

Similarly, wrong-way driving has one reported case with a penalty of Rs. 500. No entry violations have 23 cases with a penalty of Rs. 11,500.

PM Modi elected leader of BJP, NDA

NDA reflects the true essence of governance, trust between allies, says Narendra Modi

PM Modi addressing NDA Parliamentary Party meeting this morning.

New Delhi, June 7 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is addressing the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Parliamentary Party meeting that is underway comprising the newly elected members of the alliance.

As the meeting began, senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh proposed Modi's name as the Leader of the BJP and NDA in Lok Sabha. The decision was also backed by BJP leader Amit Shah.

After electing Modi as the leader of NDA, some senior members of the alliance like TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar are scheduled to join the Prime Minister for a meeting with President Droupadi Murmu to present her the list of Parliamentarians supporting him and stake claim to form the government.

The swearing-in ceremony for Modi's third consecutive term as the PM will occur on June 9 in the presence of several global leaders who have been specially invited to attend the event. On Thursday, the Chief Election Commissioner and his team met the President and submitted the list of newly elected members to her.

"A very few people talk about it... maybe it doesn't suit them but look at the strength of India's democracy that people allowed NDA to form governments and serve people in 22 States. This alliance of ours reflects India's spirit in true sense," said Modi.

"This is the most successful alliance in India's history; we will aim to reach unanimity in all our decisions", said Narendra Modi.

"It is a matter of happiness that I have got the opportunity to welcome such a big group here. Those who have emerged victorious, all deserve praise. But, those lakhs of workers worked hard day and night, and workers of every party... the efforts made by them... I bow to them," said Modi while addressing the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting.

Crackdown on late-night activities

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The memorandum states that many tea shops and other outlets, especially in N.R. Constituency, are kept open until midnight, allowing groups of youth and some anti-social elements to assemble, leading to petty fights that sometimes escalate into full-blown quarrels and assaults.

Youths gather at these shops to smoke, chat for hours and engage in activities like playing online games and indulging in digital gambling. Their vehicles, parked in front of neighbouring houses, create nuisance for residents.

The Police Commissioner said now that the election Model Code of Conduct has been lifted, it is time to get back to regular activities. "Law and order and a decline in crime rate is our priority, and we do not want people to assemble at shops after the 10.30 pm deadline. I will call a meeting of all ACPs and Inspectors today itself and instruct them to go on night rounds to ensure the deadline is enforced," he said.

Rise in crime rate

Giving details of the problem, former Mayor and current Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan said that the increased use and sale of ganja and other drugs among youth, particularly in the vicinity of two Police Stations in Narasimharaja, have led to a rise in assaults, murders, threats and thefts.

"This situation has become alarmingly common and easy. Recently, murder of teenagers over petty reasons has instilled fear among public, who now feel that their children are not safe. We have previously raised these issues, but no action has been taken," he said. The memorandum said that some middlemen are involved in settling issues, and the police are not acting tough on them. This has eroded public trust in the police department. Additionally, the complaints about illegal gatherings are not being acted upon.

It also stated that the usage of drugs and ganja among the youth is a significant issue. "Our request is to curb these illegal activities by closing business establishments within the stipulated deadline and mandate the installation of CCTV cameras at tea shops to monitor gatherings and identify criminals," the memorandum stated.

Along with Ayub Khan, former Mayor Arif Hussain, former Corporators K.C. Showkath Pasha, Hazrath Ulla, Ayaz Pasha (Pandu), Ulama Fayaz Saheb, Jamiat-Ulama-E-Hind Secretary Arshad and other members of the Jamiat were in the delegation.

Rahul Gandhi granted bail

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BJP had pressed charges against Congress leaders for disseminating false advertisements targeting its party leaders, including the then CM Bommai. BJP MLC Keshav Prasad had filed defamation case alleging that 40 percent commission was charged for execution of all public works. The case was filed against CM Siddaramaiah, his Deputy D.K. Shivakumar and Rahul Gandhi.

Prasad alleged the Congress defamed the BJP by claiming that the saffron party leadership had fixed prices for various postings in the State like Rs. 2,500 crore for CM's post and Rs. 500 crore for a Minister's post leading to corruption in governance.

Prasad said in his complaint the Congress also placed advertisements in newspapers on May 5, 2023, which alleged commissions to the tune of 75 percent in COVID kit tender deals, 40 percent for PWD tenders and 30 percent for grants to religious organisations and other such deals. He said the allegations were an insult to the BJP party during the elections.

On June 1, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar appeared before the Magistrate and were granted bail. The BJP, on June 1, sought issuance of a non-bailable warrant against Rahul Gandhi for non-appearance even as Congress leaders argued Rahul was not linked to the publication of advertisements by the party.

On that day, the Court exempted the appearance of Rahul Gandhi but stated that he must be present on June 7.

MyRealty-2024 mega property expo begins

'Hike in stamp duty on property registration by 15 percent has fetched Rs. 20,287 cr. to Govt.'

Dr. B.R. Mamatha, Inspector General of Registration of Commissioner of Stamps, Bengaluru, looking at a model displayed at MyRealty-2024 expo being held at the Scouts and Guides Grounds in city this morning as BAI Mysore Centre Chairman A.S. Yoganarasimha, Hon. Secretary K.R. Prabhakar Rao and others look on.

Mysuru, June 7 (MTY&KS)- The four-day MyRealty-2024, the mega property expo, organised by the Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre and the Confederation of Real Estate Developers Associations of India (CREDAI), in association with the Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT), began at Bharath Scouts and Guides Grounds, near old DC's Office in city this morning.

Inspector General of Registration of Commissioner of Stamps, Bengaluru, Dr. B.R. Mamatha, who was the chief guest, inaugurated the mega property expo in the presence of Joint Director of Town and Country Planning, Mysuru, Dr. M.S. Pankaja, who was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mamatha said that the real estate industry was booming in the country with 1.3 billion dollars business estimated in the next 10 years in the country.

Pointing that the stamp duty on property registration has increased by 15 percent, Dr. Mamatha said that a total of Rs. 20,287 crore has been collected as against the target of Rs. 20,000 crore.

In 2023, a target of Rs. 15,000 crore was given and the Department has achieved 17,174 crore, which shows the Department's achievement, Dr. Mamatha said and added that the real estate-sector will see further growth by March 2025, besides stating that the real estate industry will also help in the development of the nation. "Everyone needs a shelter or a roof. After COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need for a security for the people, which is being provided by the real estate industry," she said.

Stating that registration process was getting delayed as required documents were not being submitted correctly, Dr. Mamatha said that submission of required documents will ensure smooth registration process without delay.

MyRealty Expo has five Platinum stalls, four Gold stalls, four Silver stalls and 17 Regular stalls, totalling 30 stalls and the expo brings together renowned builders, apartment and layout developers as well as financial institutions under one roof, enabling public to have access to authentic and reliable information about properties, layouts, flats or apartments, group houses and villas.

MyRealty-2024 Chairman K.N. Ravi Shankar, Hon. Secretary Ashwin R. Pallegar, BAI Mysore Centre Chairman A.S. Yoganarasimha, Hon. Secretary K.R. Prabhakar Rao, CREDAI Mysore Chapter President D. Srihari, Hon. Secretary L. Arun Pandit and others were present.

The expo, which will be open for the public from 10 am to 8.30 pm, will conclude on June 10.

Residents, hoteliers feel the pinch as veggie prices soar

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Ladies Finger prices have increased from Rs. 60 to Rs. 70 per kilogram. A single lemon is sold at Rs. 10, while a bunch of Coriander Leaves fetches between Rs. 20 and Rs. 25. Cucumbers are priced at Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 per kilogram, followed by Cauliflower at Rs. 60 to Rs. 70, Drumsticks at Rs. 60 to Rs. 70, Brinjal at Rs. 50 to Rs. 60, and Ginger at Rs. 120 to Rs. 140.

The surge in vegetable and greens prices is attributed to recent rains that wreaked havoc starting from the first week of May, following a two-month-long sweltering heatwave, damaging crops across vast areas. Farmers who sowed seeds anticipating a change in sultry weather conditions were dealt a blow by frequent rains, leaving agricultural fields submerged and affecting seed germination.

Some fortunate farmers whose standing crops withstood the rain enjoyed a better harvest and fetched a good price, albeit at the expense of domestic buyers. Tur dal, a culinary staple, has also become more expensive, with prices ranging from Rs. 190 to Rs. 200 per kilogram, while rice is being sold at Rs. 70 to Rs. 75 per kilogram.

Similarly, the prices of edible oil and fruits have also surged, leaving the common man with no choice but to purchase them, but in smaller quantities, to maintain a balanced family budget.

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'Mysuru Odissi Utsav' and celebration of 'Utkal Divas' at Nadabrahma Sabha

Mysuru, June 7- International Odissi Forum, Bhubaneswar, in association with Rudra Nrityayogashala, Mysuru (Convener - Guru Sindhu Kiran), has organised 'Mysuru Odissi Utsav' and celebration of 'Utkal Divas' at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on June 8 at 5.30 pm. The event is sponsored by Orissa Association, Mysuru, Puri Jagannath Cultural and Welfare Trust, Mysuru and Mysuru Odissi family.

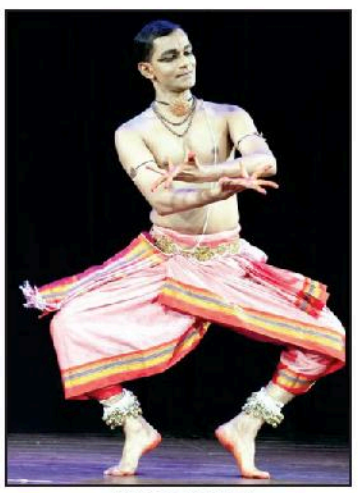
T.S. Srivatsa, MLA of KR Constituency, Mysuru, Ghanashyam Pradhan, President of Puri Jagannatha Cultural and Welfare Trust, Mysuru, Rabinarayan Raut of Orissa Association, Mysuru, G.M. Gopal Krishna, Social Activist, Dr. B. Murthy, Working President, Yoga Okkuta, Mysuru, Reena Mukharjee, Hindustani Musician and Composer and Badari Divya Bhushan, Internationally-acclaimed Bharatanatyarn Dancer, Mysuru, will be the guests of honour.

Sindhu Kiran

Artistes to perform on the occasion are as follows:

Guru Sindhu Kiran, Rudra Nrityayogashala, Mysuru; Guru Leena Mohanty, Bansi Bilas, Bengaluru and her disciples (Aliya Mishra, Aadya Naik, Abesha Ganguly, Sanmukta Sarangi Khanakshriya Khemka and Shristi Khemka); Avijit Kundu, Kolkata - Disciple of Guru Nandini Ghoshal; Mahima Bhattacharya - Disciple of Guru Sohini Bose, Bengaluru; Chitraniva Karmakar - Disciple of Guru Sohini Bose, Bengaluru; Geetika Patra - Disciple of Guru Debashish Pattnaik, Bengaluru; Guru K. Jyotirmayee Pattnaik, Ariadna Foundation Trust, Bengaluru and her disciples (Sohinee Aparupa, Yashmita Pradhan and Sayuri Kalmakar).

'Shivoham' Dance Festival on June 9



Pawan Kumar

Danseuse Mithra Naveen and Team.

Mysuru, June 7- Samskruthi Academy of Performing Arts, Mysuru, in collaboration with Kannada Development Authority, has organised 'Shivoham' Dance Festival at Ganabharathi's Ramagovind Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar on June 9 starting from 5.30 pm.

Shivoham classical dance will be inaugurated by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy of VPAC. Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture and Naveen will be the chief guests.

Bharatanatyam programme will be presented by Pawan Kumar, disciple of Acharya Vidwan R. Kannan, disciples of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and Naada Vidyalaya Academy of Music & Dance, led by Vidu. Mithra Naveen and team.

Mysore Gujarati Samaj holds health awareness camp

Mysuru, June 7- Mysore Gujarati Samaj in association with Dr. Mukesh S. Jain (Radiation Oncologist), Dr. Pinakin Ayare and Dr. Pradeep Kumar (Physiotherapists) had organised an health awareness programme in the city recently.

Dr. Mukesh created awareness on cancer by speaking about symptoms and preventive methods, followed by screening of 42 women for breast cancer.

Dr. Pinakin and Dr. Pradeep Kumar also interacted on the benefits of nutritional food, health awareness and need for physiotherapy.

The duo stressed on maintaining a balanced and healthy lifestyle by changing current lifestyle and food habits.

Mysore Gujarati Samaj President Manish Shah, Secretary Gaurav Shah, Treasurer Jathin Shah, Kamlesh Modha, Vishal Shah, Dathesh Soni, Rohit Gala and Gaurav Malaviya, Ladies Wing's Preeti D. Shah and Priya Samani were present.

Music concert by Vid. T.M. Krishna

Vid. Krishna *Vid. Bhaskar* *Vid. Jayachandra* *Vid. Giridhar*

Mysuru, June 7- Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust has organised a music concert by Sangeetha Kalanidhi (designate) Vid. T.M. Krishna at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar on June 9 at 5.30 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

Profile: Vidwan T. M. Krishna is a musician par excellence. Music is something through which he perceives everything around him. Krishna has always believed that there should be multiple and different voices both in art and in life. Hence he has tried to reach different sections of society. He has sung with Jogappas, has brought different voices like that of Narayan Guru, Perumal Murugan, Vachanakaras of Karnataka, and has sung Ashoka's edicts.

His excellence in art and his commitment to values like equality and brotherhood has earned him a number of awards and accolades. He is a recipient of prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award, Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration among others.

Classical music lecture, demonstration on June 9

Dr. Sukanya *Vidu. Akshatha* *Vidu. Nithyashree* *Vid. Sridhar*

Mysuru, June 7- Surabhi Ganakalamandira, Gokulam, Mysuru, is conducting a Karnatak classical music lecture-cum-demonstration titled 'Panchalinga Darshana - Ondu Pradakshine' (Muthuswamy Dikshitar) at 10.30 am on Sunday (June 9) at Rasavrinda, 1095, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru.

The event will be conducted by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, assisted by Vidu. R. Nithyashree and Vidu Akshatha Bhat on rendition of the kritis and accompanied by Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga.

Muthuswamy Dikshitar has composed many group kritis called as 'samudaya kritis'. The 'Panchalinga kritis' are one among them and based on five forms of Lord Shiva; and are composed respectively at the temples of Chidambaram, Kalahasti, Tiruvannamalai, Kancheepuram and Jambukeswaram, representing the Panchabhuthas or the five elements namely, akasha, air, fire, earth and water respectively.

These majestic kritis are scholarly composed with all aesthetic embellishments and rich in technical details which are the highlights of Muthuswamy Dikshitar.

Mass Upanayana on June 24

Mysuru, June 7 (VNS) - Mass Upanayana programme will be held at Sri Saptarshi Gurukula, Vaidika Gurukula Sevasharama located on KRS Road, near Mogarahalli on June 24.

As part of Upanayana programme, panchasamskara, poornahuthi, mahamangalarathi, Shathumorai will be held followed by the benedictory address by the Mutt's Pontiff. Prior to mass Upanayana programme, Udakashanthi will be held on June 23 evening. The devotees will also be distributed with mantrakshathe and portrait of Bala Rama brought from Ayodhya.

Mutt Pontiff Sri Abhinava Ramanuja Jeeyar will preside. The Mutt has been providing free education, apart from enlightening the students about sanatana culture and traditions. This apart free boarding and lodging facilities is also being provided for students.

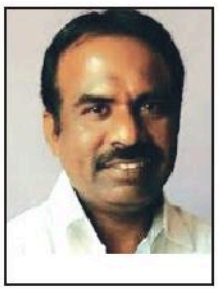
For details, contact Mob: 94813-19111 or Manager Ranganath on Mob: 88615-73934, according to a press release.

Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and C.T. Ravi among 11 elected to Legislative Council

The new Congress MLCs, who were elected unopposed from Legislative Assembly (from left) Minister N.S. Boseraju, K. Govindaraj, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Vasanth Kumar, Bilkis Banu and Jagadev Guttedar seen greeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday.

Ivan D'Souza

C.T. Ravi



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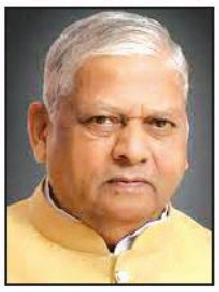

M.G. Muley

Javarayigowda

Bengaluru, June 7- A total of 11 candidates were elected unopposed to the Legislative Council from the State Assembly in the Biennial election held on Thursday.

Of the 11, seven were from the Congress, 3 from the BJP and 1 from the JD(S).

Those elected were Minister N.S. Boseraju, Ivan D'Souza, K. Govindaraj, Jagadev Guttedar, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, A. Vasanth Kumar and Bilkis Banu, all from Congress, C.T. Ravi, N. Ravikumar and M.G. Muley (Marutirao G. Muley) of the BJP and T.N. Javarayigowda of the JD(S).

Twelve candidates had filed their nomination papers for the 11 seats, with the deadline ending on June 3. But the candidature of Asif Pasha of the Congress was rejected on the grounds that there were no proposers for his candidature, which left only 11 candidates in the fray.

As there were only 11 candidates for the 11 seats, in accordance with the numerical strength of the three parties — Congress, BJP and JD-S — in the current State Assembly and all the candidates were declared elected unopposed yesterday, according to Returning Officer M.K. Vishalakshi.

Drugs Update requires a paradigm shift, opines Dr. B. Gurubasavaraja

Mysuru, June 7- JSS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru, in association with Sri Sri Tattva, Bengaluru, had organised a Continuing Medical Education (CME) on 'Drugs Update' at the Seminar Hall of the College in city yesterday.

Dr. B. Gurubasavaraja, a renowned Ayurveda Physician and former Professor at JSS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, delivered a keynote address. He underlined the need for a paradigm shift in the approach to Drugs Update.

He explained how the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 1995 have initiated a significant transformation in the drug industry, ushering in a new era for Ayurveda drug manufacturing.

Highlighting the entry of multinational companies into the Ayurveda drug market, he stressed the necessity for unconventional drugs to manage lifestyle disorders and combat increasing drug resistance. Dr. Gurubasavaraja called for extensive research and revalidation, stressing the importance of incorporating herbal and other drugs into modern medical practice.

The CME was inaugurated by Arvind Varchaswi, Managing Director of Sri Sri Tattva. In his inaugural address, he underscored the importance of innovation in the industry while preserving ancient heritage and holistic approaches.

He emphasised the need for purity in raw drugs and their final products to elevate Ayurveda's global standing. He also advocated for the adoption of Ayurvedic principles in food habits, yoga, and meditation to prevent lifestyle disorders.

Dr. Sarbeswar Kar, Principal of JSS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of the Drugs Update programme in raising awareness about innovative products among practitioners and budding doctors.

Resource person Dr. Shashi Bhushan, Scientific Head at Sri Sri Tattva, shared insights on recent innovations in R&D related to Drugs Update. Over 250 delegates, including teaching faculties, consultants from various specialities, PG scholars, and interns, benefited from this knowledge session.

Dr. R.R. Bellary, Senior General Manager at Sri Sri Tattva, moderated the CME programme, while Dr. M.D. Beena, the Post-graduate Coordinator, proposed a vote of thanks.

Trespassing on Railway tracks a continued menace in city

South Western Railway conducts awareness campaign warning people not to risk their lives

Mysuru, June 7 (BCT)- Despite the elimination of unmanned level crossings and repeated warnings from Railway Police and authorities, the dangerous practice of trespassing on Railway tracks persists in various parts of the city. This hazardous behaviour continues unabated, often leading to tragic consequences.

Under Section 147 of the Railways Act, crossing Railway tracks is a punishable offence. Unfortunately, this law is frequently ignored, with many people risking their lives daily.

Alarmingly, incidents of individuals crossing tracks while intoxicated by alcohol or drugs are particularly prevalent. Additionally, the reckless habit of wearing headphones while crossing tracks further exacerbates the risk.

DRM leads drive

To combat this ongoing issue, the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway marked the 16th International Level Crossing Awareness Day yesterday with a dedicated awareness drive. This initiative, led by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shilpi Agarwal aimed to educate road users about crucial safety measures at level crossing gates to prevent accidents and save lives.

Held at Level Crossing (LC) Gate No. 5 near Golden Landmark Hotel on KRS Road, the campaign underscored the vital yet perilous nature of level crossings. The DRM highlighted the importance of adhering to safety protocols, such as maintaining controlled speeds when approaching crossings and strictly following gate signals.

She emphasised the grave dangers of using mobile phones while driving, particularly near the level crossings and urged compliance with all road signage to enhance safety.

"The role of Gate-men is critical," she said, urging the public not to pressure them into opening gates prematurely. "They are following essential safety instructions to protect everyone. It's crucial to respect height restrictions at level crossings and road under bridges, especially with the recent electrification of 25,000 Kilo Volts, which significantly increases safety risks."

What does the law say?

The DRM also warned against placing materials on or near railway tracks, noting that such actions endanger train passengers and are punishable under Section 154 of the Railways Act. She reiterated that trespassing on Railway premises or tracks is a punishable offence under Section 147 of the Railway Act.

The Mysuru Division's awareness drive, running from June 6 to June 12, aims to reach residents near the 231 level crossing gates in the region. The goal is to foster a culture of safety and caution among road users, thereby reducing the risk of accidents.

This initiative reflects the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway's commitment to safeguarding lives and enhancing the safety of rail-road intersections. By educating the public and enforcing strict adherence to safety measures, the Division hopes to significantly reduce the number of accidents and fatalities at level crossings.

Obituary

T. Muniswamy Naidu

Mysuru, June 7- T. Muniswamy Naidu (77), retired officer of New India Assurance and a resident of Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla, passed away following brief illness in city yesterday. He leaves behind one son, daughter-in-law, brother, sister and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in city this afternoon, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Moxie

Pronunciation: MAHK-see (Noun)
Meaning: Moxie can refer to courage and determination (aka nerve), energy and pep (aka verve), or know-how (as, say, reflected in one's oeuvre).
Origin: If the idea of a carbonated bevvy flavoured with gentian root makes you thirsty to wet your whistle, then you've got some moxie, friend! Lowercase moxie—which today is a synonym of both nerve and verve—originated as uppercase Moxie, as in Moxie Nerve Food, a patent medicine and tonic invented by Dr. Augustin Thompson and sold in New England in the 1870s. Within a decade, when it was clear his drink wasn't really medicinal, he carbonated Moxie and marketed it as a kind of 19th-century energy drink with a "delicious blend of the bitter and the sweet." The soft drink and its advertising slogans (among them Make Mine Moxie!) eventually caught on around the country. The beverage was even a favorite of Charlotte's Web author E. B. White, who wrote, "Moxie contains gentian root, which is the path to the good life." The semantic jump from "a drink that gives you energy" to "energy" itself is as natural as a good advertising campaign. By 1930, moxie had acquired its earliest modern sense referring to vim and pep.
Example: "When your journalistic beat consists of providing helpful tips on how to win games, people naturally assume that you are an expert at playing them. That's not always true, but I like to think that I make up for it with moxie and a reasonably consistent positive attitude." — Deb Amlen, The New York Times, 29 Jan. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Quintessence
The most perfect example.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In like Flynn

Meaning: The phrase 'In Like Flynn' means that you have been quickly and / or emphatically successful, usually in a romantic context.
Example: "How was your date with Sue?" Answer: "I was in like Flynn."
Origin: The phrase 'In like Flynn' is a direct reference to actor Errol Flynn, who was famous for his romantic roles in Hollywood films as well as for his exciting, romantic private life.

QUOTE BOX

Principles have no real force except when one is well-fed. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

What can you hold in your right hand, but never in your left hand?

Answer: Your left hand.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 With it, once
4 Place where pig's sty
7 A deep cut
11 Dalal St. deal
12 Battery size
13 Marne mine
14 Adages; axioms
17 Sunbeams?
18 Father of India's nuclear programme (4,6)
20 Brit living abroad
22 Village People hit
23 Intl. Lab. Org.
24 Worry
27 Semiconductors with two terminals
31 Imprison (4,2)
33 Wishful words (1,4)
34 Some - no matter which
35 Chain of sandy islands in north-eastern Italy
37 A hard heat-resistant glass
39 Perilous; insecure
42 Bollywood star Katrina ____
43 Indefatigable
46 You too in Latin (2,2)
47 Organ of sight
48 Pet name for Louis?
49 Be conscious of
50 Eur. airline
51 Delicious

DOWN
1 Part of the body
2 Engine Pressure Ratio
3 Make light of, coloquially speaking? (4-4)
4 Indian dress
5 Female cat
6 Moslem veil
7 Rubbish
8 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
9 A kind of bean cultivated in Japan
10 "H" in "HMV"
15 Voice of America
16 Medic, briefly
19 A skin complaint
20 Ramzan for one, Bakri for another
21 42 in Rome
25 Scantily
26 Fork part
28 Lugubrious
29 Heroic tale
30 Tranquillizes
32 An ancient Greek goddess personifying night?
36 Bhubaneshwar lingo
37 Edgar Alan ___ : father of modern crime-fiction?
38 ___ Brynner : hairless hero from Hollywood?
39 Head, often as seat of intellect?
40 Religious observance or ceremony
41 Wraths
42 State of drowsy contentment
44 Old French coin
45 Aggregate of a number of figures

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	R	C	H	■	D	O	T	E	■	I	D	I
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O	C	C	U	P	I	E	D	■	■	M	O	I
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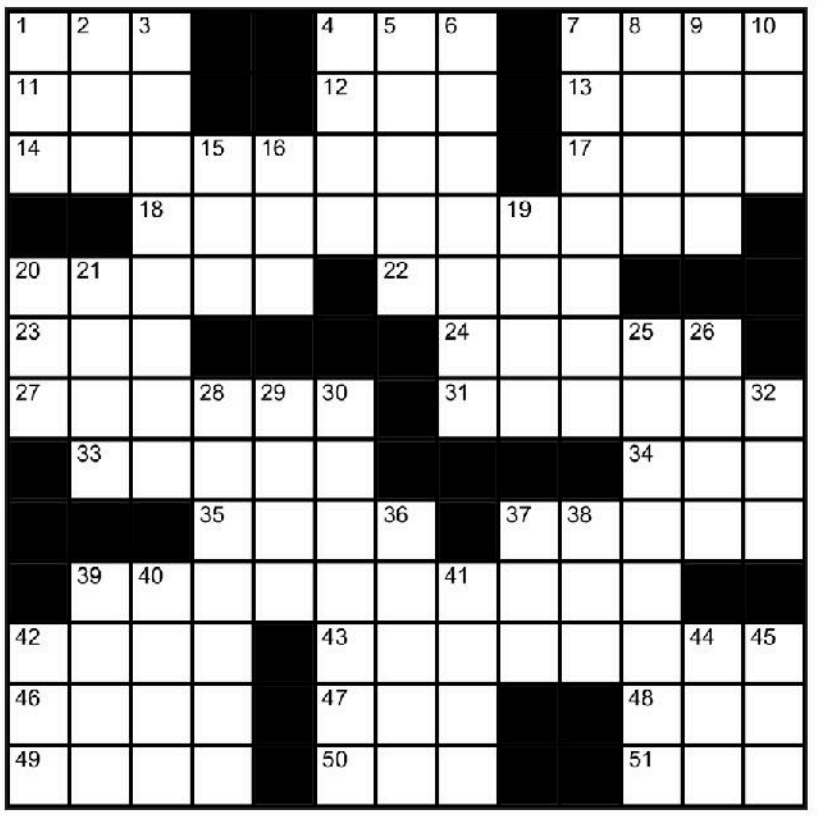

SUDOKU

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				8	4			
		2	1	5			7	
		6				3		8
3	5						9	7
1		4				2		
	3			7	2	6		
			5	4				
					3			5

Answer to previous puzzle

5	4	2	7	9	8	6	1	3
8	3	6	2	4	1	5	7	9
9	7	1	5	3	6	4	8	2
2	1	4	8	7	9	3	5	6
3	8	7	6	5	2	9	4	1
6	5	9	4	1	3	8	2	7
7	2	8	3	6	5	1	9	4
1	6	5	9	2	4	7	3	8
4	9	3	1	8	7	2	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WKG BKLBTK RQL XBKVS YVSK YLDK GLPXK

WQVG WKG WQLAXVGI RQL VDK XPTKGW.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You don't have to destroy books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Roberrt (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Roberrt (K) - 2 Shows; *Sahara (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Garudan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Anartha (K) - 2 Shows; *Devil Hunters (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Bhaje Vaayu Vegam (Te) - 2 Shows; *Ghajini (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Indian - 1996 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Ghajini (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Weapon (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Weapon (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 9886325207**
  Crew (H) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Bad Boys Ride or Die (E)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 1.40 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.55 pm
Ghajini (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm
Young Man (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Weapon (Ta)	(S-2)	1.50 pm
Garudan (Ta)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Mr. and Mrs. Mahi (H)	(S-2)	7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
The Judgement (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Kandor Mane Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Sahara (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Satyabhama (Te)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Golam (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Munjya (H)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 10.05 pm
Indian - 1996 (Ta)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Maname (Te)	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 7.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Sahara (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Anartha (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Kandor Mane Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Mr. & Mrs. Mahi (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Haikyu!! The Dumpster Battle (Japanese)	:	11.10 am, 7.25 pm
Munjya (H)	:	11.15 am, 2 pm, 4.45 pm 7.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Bad Boys: Ride or Die (E)	:	11.20 am, 2 pm, 4.40 pm 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	11.30 am, 6.35 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.45 am
Manamey (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 6.30 pm
Sahara (K)	:	1.15 pm
Weapon (Ta)	:	1.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Ghajini (Ta)	:	2.55 pm
Satyabhama (Te)	:	3.35 pm
Golam (Ma)	:	4.10 pm
Ajogyo (Bengali)	:	9.30 pm
Little Hearts (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Bad Boys: Ride or Die (E)	:	11.50 am, 2.30 pm, 5.10 pm 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Moorane Krishnappa (K)	:	12 noon
Satyabhama (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 6.20 pm
Mr. & Mrs. Mahi (H)	:	12.20 pm, 6.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.00 pm
Manamey (Te)	:	3.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	3.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Garudan (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Ramana Avatara (K)	:	9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 7)

- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, City Unit, Mysuru:** Lecture and Vachana Gayana, Dr. Vinod, Professor, SDM Women's College, delivers lecture on 'Vachana Sahityadalli Shikshana Moulyagalu,' M. Chinnaswamy, retd. Chief Engineer, Mysuru, presides, Rekha, Warden, will be present, BCM Students Hostel, Dattagalli, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Karnatak Flute Recital by Vidwan Mysore A. Chandan Kumar, accompanied by Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga, Vidu. Sindhu Suchetan on violin and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on kanjira, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 8)

- **The Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Associations of India (CREDAI) and Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT):** 'Mega Property Expo, MyRealty 2024,' Bharat Scouts and Guides Grounds, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC) - PG Centre, DoS in Commerce, Vidyavardhaka Research Foundation & IQAC and Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS):** One-Day Seminar on 'Role of Higher Education in Advancing Sustainable Development Goals,' Prof. D. Anand, Director, College Development Council, University of Mysore, chief guest, Dr. Leena Chandran Wadia, Professor and Dean (Education & Outreach), The University of Trans-disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), Bengaluru, keynote speaker, Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), presides, P. Vishwanath and Hon. Secretary, VVS and T. Nagaraju, Chairman, CMC, VVFGC, guests of honour, Sri Chikkaboraiah Hall, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **10 am.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Interaction with Achiever (Achiever of the Month: Kishore Kadam, ex-serviceman), photographer S. Thippeswamy chief guest, Gallery Founder-President L. Shivalingappa presides, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**
- **Books & Brews Library, Mysuru:** 'Let's talk about bullying' — A Storytelling and mindful activity session, Library premises, Gokulam 2nd Stage, **11.30 am to 1 pm.**
- **Sri Rajendra Printers and Publishers and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Releasing of 3 books authored by retd. Emeritus Professor D.A. Shankar as part of his 89th birthday, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar releases the books, Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, Director, College Education, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, speaks about the book, Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar and Publisher D.N. Lokappa will be present, Pathrakarthara Bhavan, Thyagaraj Road, **12 noon.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** 'Vaishakha' 13th edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava, felicitation to Dr. K. Kumar, Head, Department of Dance, University College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore (UoM) and his wife Dr. G. Malathy, renowned Senior Paediatrician, Department of Paediatrics, District Hospital, for their yeoman service to arts and culture through Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC); Dance recital by disciples of Vidushi Pavana, Founder of Sharada Nrithyalaya, Marpalli, Udupi, disciples of Vidushi Arathi Arun, Founder and Director of Shri Ganesha Sangeetha Nrithyalaya Charitable Trust; Professor Dr. C.A. Sreedhara, retired Principal of Maharaja's College, UoM, Mysuru, chief guest, Champaka Academy premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru:** Swami Ishtanathananda speaks on 'Atmabodha', Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Vocal Concert by Vidu. Ashwini Satish from Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Dasappa on ghata, Sri Lakshminarasimha Gayathri Temple, SBM Colony, Sriramapura, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi & Kutuhali-Kannada and The Academy Trust, Mysuru:** Science Sanje, Dr. M.R. Seetharam, Orthopaedic Surgeon and Executive Director of VILD, Mysuru, speaks on 'We and Our Skeleton,' Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Mr. and Mrs. Mahi (H)	(S-3)	4 pm, 10.15 pm
Garudan (Ta)	(S-4)	9.30 pm
Bad Boys Ride or Die (E)	(S-2)	11.50 am, 2.30 pm, 5.10 pm 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Munjya (H)	(S-1)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm 7.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Maname (Te)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Sahara (K)	(S-4)	6.35 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Bad Boys: Ride or Die (E)	:	11 am, 1.40 pm, 4.20 pm 7 pm, 9.40 pm
Weapon (Ta)	:	11.20 am, 4.55 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.55 pm
Anartha (K)	:	1.35 pm
Satyabhama (Te)	:	2 pm, 7.35 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	3.10 pm, 6.35 pm
Kandor Mane Kathe (K)	:	4.25 pm
Thalavan (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Turbo (Ma)	:	9.50 pm
Little Hearts (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

SHABD-2024

2-day Literary and Art Fest held

Mysuru, June 7- The Editorial Board of the official Art and Literary Club of JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, organised 'SHABD-2024,' 18th edition of Literary and Art Fest at JSS STU premises in city recently.

Renowned lyricist Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp in the presence of JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, In-charge Principal Dr. C. Nataraju and Dean (Engineering and Technology) and Dr. Vanishri Arun, Editorial Board Staff Co-ordinator and Associate Dean - Academic (Publications), JSS STU and student Editors-in-Chief Vadiraj B. Hayagreeva and Abhilash S. Hathwar.

Jayzine-2024, the University's annual magazine, was unveiled by the guests on the occasion. The inaugural event was followed by an interactive session with Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad, who enthusiastically engaged with the audience, answering their questions.

Sudhanva Kulkarni and S. Charvi, members of Editorial Board, hosted the programme.

Participants, consisting of children to enthusiastic parents and grandparents and students from JSS STU and various other colleges, showcased their talents.

Literary events included poetry, pictionary, creative writing, quiz, Jam, love letter writing and debate in both Kannada and English languages.

The Art events showcased a vibrant tapestry of creativity and expression including pencil sketching, photography, T-shirt designing, canvas swapping, rangoli and painting.

Prizes were distributed to winners of various competitions during the valedictory ceremony.

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